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Autism Spectrum Disorder Resources – Caregiver Edition WHERE TO GET STARTED?

Coordinated Service Planning (CSP) – MaMouPimoTayTaa

- Local support for families of children and youth from birth to end of school with multiple and/or complex special needs.
- Can assist with referring to appropriate services & applying for available funding.
- CSP will bring together service providers working with identified child or youth and develop a Coordinated Service Plan for each child/youth that identifies the family and child/youth's goals and to help to work towards those goals.
- **Email:** msp@mushkegowuk.ca or sns@mushkegowuk.ca

Ontario Autism Program (OAP) – Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

- Ministry funding that is provided annually and directly to families to purchase eligible services for children/youth (aged 0-18 years old) with an ASD diagnosis
- To register for this program call 1-888-444-4530
- For general information or questions call 1-833-425-2445 or email oap@ontario.ca
- Services for children with autism can also be found on the internet by searching “children with special needs”

Inspire Center

- Funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. Provision of specialized programs and services; Speech & Language Services (SLP), Occupational Therapy (OT); Physiotherapy (PT) and Social Work (SW) outpatient clinical treatment, and support to children from birth to 19 and up to 21 years of age and their families/support systems.
- **Timmins Office** – 1 800 575 3210 for referrals & information
- **Local Rehabilitation Coordinator/OT** – Jessica Carter, 1 800 575 3210 x306, jessica.carter@ctctc.org

Potential Funding Opportunities

- Disability Tax Credit
 - Non-refundable tax credit that reduces the amount of income tax persons with disabilities or their supporting persons have to pay
 - Will need medical practitioner or psychologist to complete a section of the application
 - <https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/cra-arc/formspubs/pbg/t2201/t2201-18e.pdf>
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD)
 - Provides financial assistance to parents to help with costs related to their child's disability
 - Funding eligibility is income-based
 - Contact Regional Office for an application at **Mary Reale** 705 618 1341 or mary.reale@ontario.ca

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- Wesway Respite Service
 - Respite program funded through Nishinawbe Aski Nation
 - For caregivers who are caring for children aged 17 or younger who have a special need and require respite.
 - The child and/or caregiver would need to be affiliated with one of the NAN communities.
 - Contact - **Amber Prairie** 1 888 623 2353 x6696, aprairie@wesway.com

- Jordan's Principle Local Unit
 - Engage and educate communities on Jordan's Principle
 - Assist and support families completing applications for funding and/or health and social services that their child or children are not receiving
 - Provide follow-up support for families who have completed an application to ensure funding and/or health and social services are received quickly
 - Contact jordansprinciple@mushkegowuk.ca

Education and Support

- **HANDS** - Hands the Family Network – Autism Service for NorthEast Ontario
 - Virtual Autism Services & Education Available for families in our region –
Contact **Family Service Team** at 1-800-668-8555 ext 1333 or via email at autism@handstfhn.ca.

- **One Kids Place** - Autism Services for Northeast - OAP & fee based services, behavioural and other.

- **Child & Community Resources (CCR)** – Autism Services Northern Ontario – lots of virtual education available www.ccrconnect.ca

- **Autism Ontario** - Provincial organization (www.autismontario.com) that aims to promote acceptance and opportunities for individuals with ASD by organizing community activities, programs and information sessions. Northeast Region 1-800-472-7789 x345 or angele@autismontario.com (virtual offerings)

- <https://www.autismspeaks.ca/>
- <https://www.autism.net/>

Helpful Books/Videos

- <https://youtu.be/jWeGJULEpgY> Nishinawbe Aski Nation Video – What is Autism?
- The Survival Guide for Kids with Autism Spectrum Disorders (And Their Parents) By *Elizabeth Verdick & Elizabeth Reeve* (2012); excellent resource for all parents with kids with ASD
- From Anxiety to Meltdown: How individuals on the Autism Spectrum deal With Anxiety. By *Deborah Lipsky*; great book for all parents with kids with ASD who have meltdowns (higher functioning)

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